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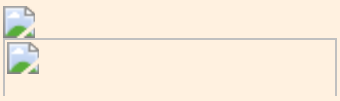

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Kuomindang defeated as voters worry about rising cost of living and jobs moving to mainland

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Foreign affairs committee kept away as pro-democracy street protests continue

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Police charge demonstrators after effort to encircle government offices

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Former president takes 64% of vote, down on 2004 victory

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Peace talks with Marxist rebels were frozen after kidnapping two weeks ago

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